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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### THE NEW BRITISH ATTACK.

Thousands of Prisoners and Many Guns.

### SHARP FIGHTING NEAR VALENCIENNES.

London, October 24. Reporting on the operations between the Sambre Canal and the Scheldt, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says:—During the morning we pressed the attack on the whole front, carrying the enemy's positions to a depth of over three miles and driving him out of many strongly-defended villages, farms and woods.

The English of the Twenty-Fifth Division had hard fighting in Bois le Vieque and made good progress through the wood.

East County troops of the Eighteenth Division advanced three and a half miles and captured Bousies.

Anglo-Scottish troops of the Twenty-First and Thirty-Third Divisions secured crossings of the Harpies at Vendegies Wood and captured Vendegies Village.

Other English troops, with New Zealanders on their left, reached the outskirts of Neuville and established themselves on high ground north-west of the village. Further north we captured Escautain.

We took prisoner several thousands and captured many guns. The advance is continuing on the whole front.

Sharp Fighting South of Valenciennes.

London, October 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Sharp fighting continued on Wednesday afternoon and evening on the battlefront southward of Valenciennes. We expelled the enemy from Vendegies Wood and captured Neuville, Salesches and Beaudignies, securing crossing of the Escaut River at the latter place.

The enemy in the evening counter-attacked us vigorously opposite Vendegies, with strong artillery support, and was repulsed.

The attack was resumed on the whole front this morning between the Sambre-Oise Canal and the Scheldt. Northward of Valenciennes we cleared the enemy from Dersimes Forest and captured Thiens Hauterive and Than.

Determined local fighting occurred westward of Tournai without causing any material change in the situation.

Valenciennes Becoming Isolated.

London, October 24.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing to-day, says:—Yesterday's victory by the Third and Fourth British Armies was infinitely greater than expressed by the big haul of prisoners and guns. It is merely a question of time before Valenciennes is isolated. The weather is favouring us, an east wind drying the ground.

According to a Paris message, a Havas correspondent says Fifteen Divisions opposed the British yesterday.

French Maintain Their Gains.

London, October 24.

A French communiqué states:—On the Oise front we crossed the canal east of Grand Verly. Despite enemy counter-attacks, our elements maintained themselves on the east bank.

Between the Oise and the Sambre the struggle was also lively in the region of the railway north of Maurecourt.

Seven Thousand Prisoners.

London, October 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Since yesterday morning we have captured 7,000 prisoners and over a hundred guns. New Zealanders captured a number of batteries, including heavy, in the neighbourhood of Beaudignies.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Proposed Drafting of Detailed Scheme.

London, October 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. David Davies, Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government was trying to reach an agreement with the Allies and the United States which would enable a detailed scheme for a League of Nations to be drafted.

THE HINDENBURG LINE.

British Army First to Break It.

London, October 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Houston, Mr. Macpherson confirmed the fact that the proud distinction of being the first to break the Hindenburg Line belonged to the British Army. (Cheers).

NO WINTER RACING.

London, October 24.

Owing to railway difficulties, the Government has prohibited winter racing.

BRITISH AERIAL SUCCESSES.

Enemy Loses Twelve Large Aerodromes.

London, October 24.

The Press Bureau states that during the period from June to September inclusive, the British destroyed 1,443 and brought down 558 German aeroplanes; against 688 British missing.

A significant feature of the recovery of territory in Belgium is that the enemy has lost over twelve large aerodromes, the effect of which is to expose a new sector of the Rhine to the early possibility of serial attack.

THE BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

Serbs Force Enemy to Retreat.

London, October 24.

A Serbian official message states:—We forced the enemy to retreat on the Razaj front and crossed the West Morava River, advancing northward. We took prisoner over three hundred.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

French, British and Italian Successes.

London, October 24.

An Italian official message says:—The French penetrated the enemy's positions on Mount Sisemol, taking prisoner 730.

The British southward of the Anago stormed trenches at Ave, and crossed a ridge southward of Arosa, taking one hundred

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE PEACE QUESTION.

Necessity of Surrender.

Paris, Oct. 22.

The German pretension to arrange an armistice on a basis of the balance of military power is described in Paris as merely ridiculous. French opinion fails to see the utility of much talk if the Kaiser is not surrendering the sword. Speaking in the Senate, M. Pichon expressed confidence that the time was coming when the enemy would be forced to make amends for his crimes. M. Delory, Member of Parliament for Lille, resumed his seat in the Chamber of Deputies after four years' absence and said that if the treaty of peace did not provide for due restitution and Justice it would be a crime against France and humanity. The Chamber unanimously decided to placard the speech of M. Delory throughout the country. The Chamber was deeply moved with indignation.—Havas.

A Difference in Viewpoint.

London, Oct. 22.

Reuter is informed that the Allied Governments are unanimous as regards the terms upon which it will be possible to negotiate an armistice. The terms must include guarantees as regards sea power which the Allies consider of the first importance. President Wilson never assumed the evacuation of occupied territories as the only condition precedent to an armistice as the Germans have always argued.

Reichstag Discussion.

Amsterdam, Oct. 22.

In the Reichstag the National Liberal, Herr Stresemann, following the Chancellor, despondently referred to the military situation especially in view of past successes. The Conservative, Herr Westarp, regretted the curtailment of submarine warfare before the blockade had been suppressed. The War Minister, von Stein, alleged that the Allies, not the Germans, fired the evacuated towns, denied that the Germans carried off the inhabitants and declared that soldiers' excesses had been punished when known.

The Reichstag after debating the Chancellor's speech unanimously passed a vote of confidence in him.

Herr Dittmann the German Socialist who was imprisoned in February has been released.

A German Suggestion.

Amsterdam, Oct. 24.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" elucidates the ambiguous first paragraph of the German Note saying that President Wilson now possesses the opportunity by arranging the time and place to give representatives of the armies of both sides an opportunity of discussing and arranging an armistice.

Independent German-Austrian State.

London, Oct. 24.

A message from Vienna states that the German deputies in the Reichstag met as a constituent German national assembly and resolved to take measures to form an independent German-Austrian State having a voice in the peace negotiations.

Other Items.

London, Oct. 24.

The "Daily Mail" says the Government is collecting the views of representatives of the Dominions concerning armistice terms as they would affect their home interests and their troops in Europe.

It is understood that Colonel House will be head of the American diplomatic mission to Europe in connection with the establishment of an Interallied Diplomatic Council.

It is stated that Lord Reading has delayed his return to Washington because an assembly of the Diplomatic Council is imminent.

FUTURE OF GERMAN COLONIES.

London, Oct. 23.

Speaking at the Australian and New Zealand Luncheon Club in London Mr. Balfour alluded to the questions of the German colonies. It was absolutely essential, he said, that the British Empire's communications should remain safe. If the German colonies were returned what security was there that their original possessors would not use them as bases for piratical warfare? He could see no answer to this question than that in no circumstances was it consistent with the safety, security and unity of the Empire that these colonies be returned to Germany. (Applause). This was not a selfish imperialistic doctrine. It was one wherein the interests of the world were almost as much concerned as the interests of the Empire itself. If we were to remain an united Empire it was absolutely necessary that ways whereby the component parts communicate with each other should never again be at the mercy of an unscrupulous power. (Cheers).

THE BALKAN THEATRE.

More Allied Progress.

London, Oct. 24.

A French eastern communiqué says: After heavy fighting the Serbians carried the Lukavac massif north-east of Aleksandrovac. The Allied troops have reached the Bor mines, north-west of Zajecar.

It Touch with Rumania.

Paris, Oct. 24.

The French by reaching Vidin and the Danube link up with Rumania and form a direct menace adjoining Hungarian territory.—Havas.

Bulgarian III-Treatment.

London, Oct. 23.

Mr. Ward Price says that out of fifty thousand Serbian soldiers imprisoned by the Bulgars only twenty thousand survived the constant ill-treatment during the three years.

A Terrible Indictment.

Salonika, Oct. 23.

The Greeks have now occupied the whole of Eastern Macedonia. The liberated towns are desolate indeed. The Bulgarian destruction has been so complete that it is impossible to trace many villages. Of twelve thousand inhabitants at Demirhisar two thousand remain and these are like skeletons. Of the Greeks only one sixth of the pre-war population in Eastern Macedonia remain. The women were forced to work on building fortifications under fire. Throughout the whole of Eastern Macedonia only a few women and girls have not been outraged while many have been deprived of their hair. The Bulgars not only denuded the male population but snatched all children under ten years away.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE WESTERN OFFENSIVE.

A Three-Mile Push.

London, Oct. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, writing on Oct. 23, says: By midday we penetrated in to-day's attack a depth of nearly three miles on a front of about seventeen. We reached from eastward of Rumes Forest to the western bank of the Scheldt.

Enemy Seeking Shelter.

Paris, Oct. 23.

Along the whole front from the Dutch frontier to south of Valenciennes the Germans are trying to shelter behind the water ways. The French crossed the Lys at two points, while the British succeeded in forming a bridge-head at Pecq on the Scheldt. Tournai is half encircled and Valenciennes has been evacuated. A German retirement to the Meuse will involve the loss of Brussels, Antwerp and the southern Belgian coalfield. On the Serre front the French met an attack by seven divisions and forced a new German retreat. Czecho-Slovak troops took part.—Havas.

Attacks to Continue During Winter.

London, Oct. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at American Headquarters, writing on the 23rd, says: Throughout the winter the Germans are to be subjected to a campaign of exceptional violence and will not be given a breathing spell to recuperate their forces or replenish their supplies. On seventy-five per cent. of the whole western front there is offered no real obstacle to the continuance of the fight.

Object of British Attack.

London, Oct. 23.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says that the Third and Fourth Armies participated in the latest attack towards the Scheldt canal and its tributary lines. The situation, simply stated, is that we want to prevent the enemy from carrying out his wish to get away. An attack was launched at 1.30 this morning in misty weather. The enemy was fighting doggedly. The First Army crossed the Scarpe east of Nivelles and its advance continues. The Fifth Army and Second Army, also the Belgian Army are meeting with increased resistance.

Evacuation of Ghent.

London, Oct. 23.

The "Telegraph" announces that the evacuation of Ghent is in full swing and the last boats are hastily being towed down the canal to Selzale.

British Advance All Day Long.

London, Oct. 24.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: This morning's attack was by English and Scottish troops of the Third and Fourth Armies between the Sambre Canal and the Scheldt River, southward of Valenciennes. In a difficult country the many streams, villages and woods were resolutely defended. During the assembly period in the early stages of the battle hostile artillery was most active with high explosives, and gas shells. Our troops all day long advanced despite the resistance especially of artillery and machine-guns. The infantry advanced for some hours before dawn, penetrated the enemy's defences on the whole front and captured the important village of Pommereuil in the forest of Romeries. On the extreme right a strong resistance was met at the fortified farm of Gimbermont and the railway halt nearby but it was overcome. On the left centre we stormed Beaurain with the assistance of tanks. On the left the English crossed the Harpies River and captured Vertain.

Enemy's Strong Resistance.

London, Oct. 24.

Reuter learns that to-day's British attack met with the strongest resistance. The enemy had massed nine divisions on a front of twelve miles and began counter preparations half an hour before our attack began. We progressed between one and two miles on the whole front and reached the high ground overlooking Harpies valley and prisoners over two thousand. Eastward of Lecateau we reached the line starting westward of Orey, thence through Bishops wood and eastward of Croix, Beaurain and Romeries. We captured Bruy on the south-eastern edge of Rumes forest.

French Haul of Guns.

London, Oct. 24.

A French communiqué says: On the Oise front both batteries were active. The First Army captured, during the fighting on the 17th October eighty-one guns, one hundred French mortars, a number of 37 millimetre guns, over seven hundred machine-guns, etc.

Desperate Struggles.

London, Oct. 24.

A French communiqué says: There was great artillery activity on the Oise front between the Oise and Serre. We advanced north of Cattillon-du-Temple and carried our line to the outskirts of Chevresse les Dames. Further east we captured a strongly defended wood north-east of Mesbrecourt and Richecourt, prisoners 150. Desperate struggles occurred on the Serre-Souche front. We reached and held the eastern bank of the Souche opposite Braucourt farm despite counter-attacks and gained ground south-east of Nizy le Comte. East of the Aisne sharp fighting continues in the region of Vouziers. German attacks on the village of Terron and eastward of Vandy were heavily repulsed. We carried Beaurain mill between Orey and Grandpre.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

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Yokohama Dock Co.  
An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Yokohama Dock Co. resolved to payout £100,000 and £48,000 to Mr. S. Yamada and Dr. J. Inoue, former Directors, and £5,000 to Mr. K. Isaka, former Auditor. Presents are also to be made to Messrs. R. Hara and S. Kondo, retiring Directors. Messrs. K. Tanaka, M. Miyagawa, T. Tomai and K. Hara were elected new Directors, and Mr. G. Abe auditor.

Cook Correct Judge's Law.  
After Ellen Wilson, a cook, was bound over at London Sessions recently for stealing an overcoat belonging to a man who took her to the theatre, Mr. Allan Lawrie (acting chairman) told her there was a warrant out against her for stealing £1 from her landlady's house at Chatham in 1915. Wilson: I beg to differ from you; I did not steal it. I got it under false pretence. Mr. Lawrie: Technically you may be right, but it is very much the same thing. (Laughter.)

"Royal Air Force" Only.  
Inaccuracy of description is not relished in the junior service—the Royal Air Force. References are often made to "naval airmen," to "army airmen," or to the independent Air Forces, but these phrases are incorrect. There are no "army airmen" nor "naval airmen," but Royal Air Force. The force whose bombing squadrons have brought dismay to Rhineland towns is the Independent Force of the Royal Air Force, and may correctly enough be styled the R.A.F. Independent Force or the Independent Force, R.A.F.

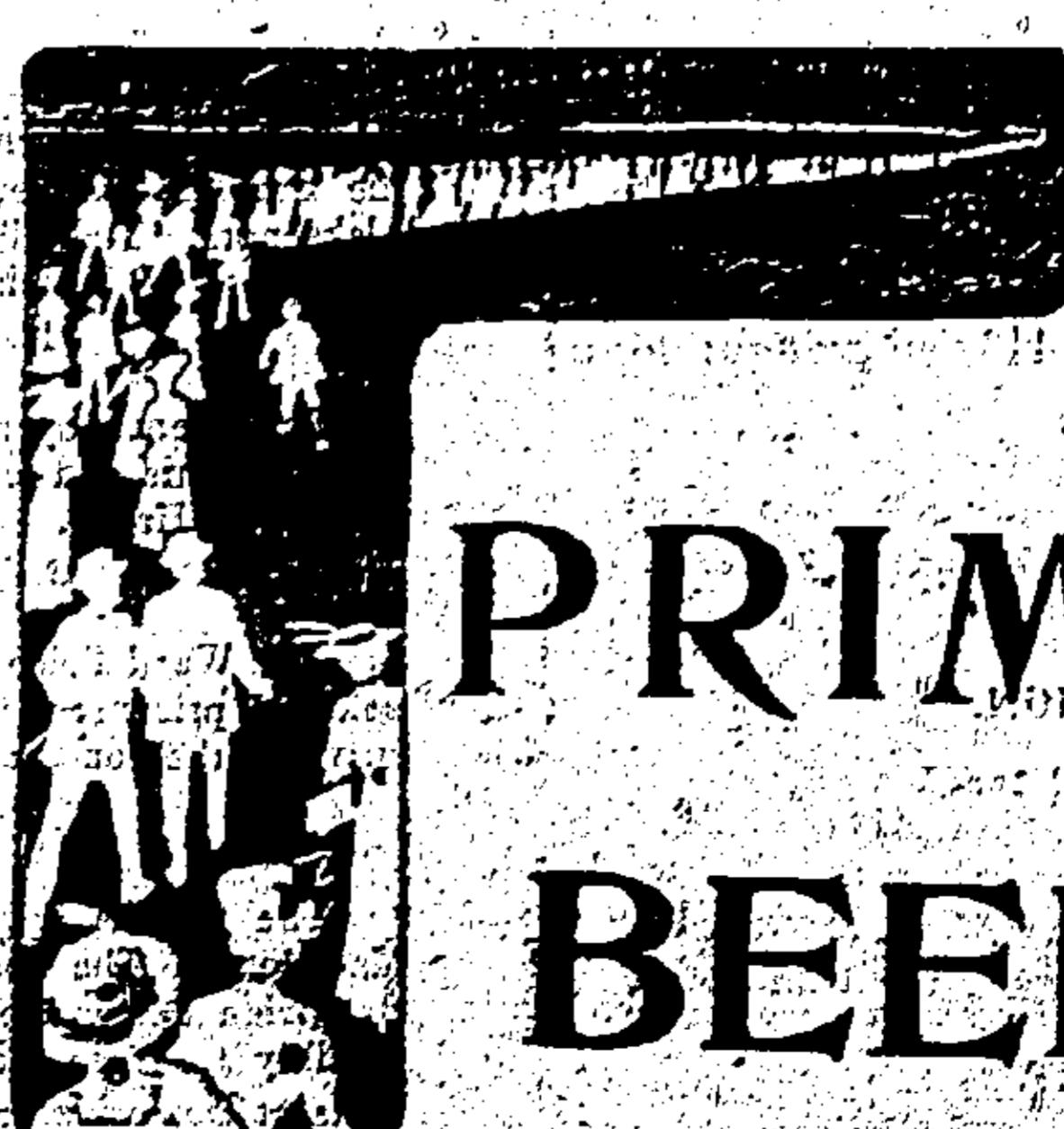
All Red Cable Route.  
Lord Balfour, who presided recently at the Sevay Hotel at a conference of representatives of the British, Australian, New Zealand, and South African Press, said that they would not be satisfied until they had an All-Red cable route. The Government must leave it to the Press to make their own arrangements for news services. No matter how honest officialdom might be, newspapers would far rather have their own news, sent by their own agents, than have a stereotyped copy of the official estimate of the importance of events.

No Women in Signal Boxes.  
At the conference of signallers held at Birmingham recently the first resolution carried was that "women are continually unsifted for work in signal boxes, and that such employment constitutes a danger to the travelling public." It was also decided that assistant signallers should be abolished, and that each man when in charge of a box should receive equal pay and should be regarded not as assistants, but as signallers. An after-latter resolution agreed to was to the effect that all accepted eight-hour boxes should be reduced to six hours and all other boxes be reduced to eight hours. Any future concessions obtained shall not apply to non-unionists.

East End Opium Smugglers.  
Mr. Webster, Assistant Scientific Analyst in the Home Office, stated in the course of an inquiry into an opium poisoning death that it was common knowledge that there were opium dens in the East End, but he did not know how they were able to get large quantities of opium. Inquiries made by a Daily News representative show that opium is undoubtedly still being smuggled in, in spite of the prohibition of July, 1916, although the restrictions are being very severely carried out. It is believed that as far as possible the gathered there were no unusual quantities slipping into the country through clandestine methods. The prosecution for smuggling seems to have been very difficult, as the smugglers are the most skilful.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

Gallipoli Star for Anzacs. It has often been urged that Australians and New Zealanders who took part in the Gallipoli campaign should be entitled to a distinctive decoration. Mr. Hughes has given this matter his personal attention while in England, and it is now announced that the design of the Gallipoli star has been fixed upon and approved by the King. Men who fought in the campaign will be entitled to wear a special ribbon. Scotsman's Preference in Songs.

At the Mansion House weekly prayer meeting recently the Rev. John McNeil said: "I have no objection to hymns, but if you push me hard, give me a song—Scots preference. When I want to spread my wings and rise above this chasm I can get nothing better than the Psalms of David." Sir Arthur Yapp, who presided, told how an Australian soldier who was wounded near Passchendaele solaced himself as he lay upon a stretcher by singing "Lead, kindly Light," although his voice was almost drowned by the roar of the guns.

Admiral's Heroic Rescue. Commodore Sir James Stirling, who as a retired Admiral returned to the Navy for the period of the war, has just been awarded the Albert Medal. He is 63 years of age. In June last an explosion took place on board H.M. motor launch 64, and Sir James proceeded alongside. The engine room was still burning fiercely, but learning that the engineer was below he sprang down the hatch without the slightest hesitation and succeeded in recovering the body practically unscathed. The fire was blazing upon the side and the top of the forward tanks, which are built of exceedingly thin metal, and were consequently liable to burst at any moment.

New R.A. Chief.

The King has approved the appointment of Major-General Sir Godfrey Paine, K.C.B., M.V.O., to be Inspector-General of the Royal Air Force, and, under powers conferred by the Order in Council dated May 11, 1918 the Secretary of State for the Royal Air Force has appointed Sir Godfrey Paine to be an additional member of the Air Council. Major-General W. S. Brander is to be Master General of Personnel, in place of Sir Godfrey Paine, while Major-General E. L. Ellington, C.M.G., will be Controller-General of Equipment and a member of the Air Council in place of Major-General Brander.

Nurse Wins M.M. in Air Raid. The award of the Military Medal to Staff Nurse Pearl Elisabeth Ootkhil, of the Australian Nursing Service, "for distinguished service in the field" during an enemy air raid, is announced in the *London Gazette*. "She continued to attend to the wounded," says the official account, "without any regard to her own safety, though enemy aircraft were overhead. Her example was of the greatest value in allaying the alarm of the patients." The King has given permission to Miss Henrietta Fraser, ambulance driver, to wear the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honour with the Croix de Guerre, conferred upon her by the French President in recognition of her courageous conduct when wounded recently while on duty.

Mr. John Burns.

Mr. John Burns has accepted the constitution of the new Labour party, and been adopted as one of the Parliamentary candidates of the party for Battersea. As Mr. Burns has always claimed to be a Labour member of Parliament, though he has not hitherto belonged to the Labour party, his adhesion to the organised and much more comprehensive party causes no surprise. The Liberal and Radical Association of Battersea always played rather an acquisitive than a leading part in his elections, the Battersea Labour League representing the vanguard of his supporters. It is not expected that the relations between the two democratic parties will be affected by the decision of Mr. Burns, who will probably continue to be unassimilable in his home constituency. He has represented Battersea since 1906, and resigned from the Liberal Cabinet at the declaration of war.

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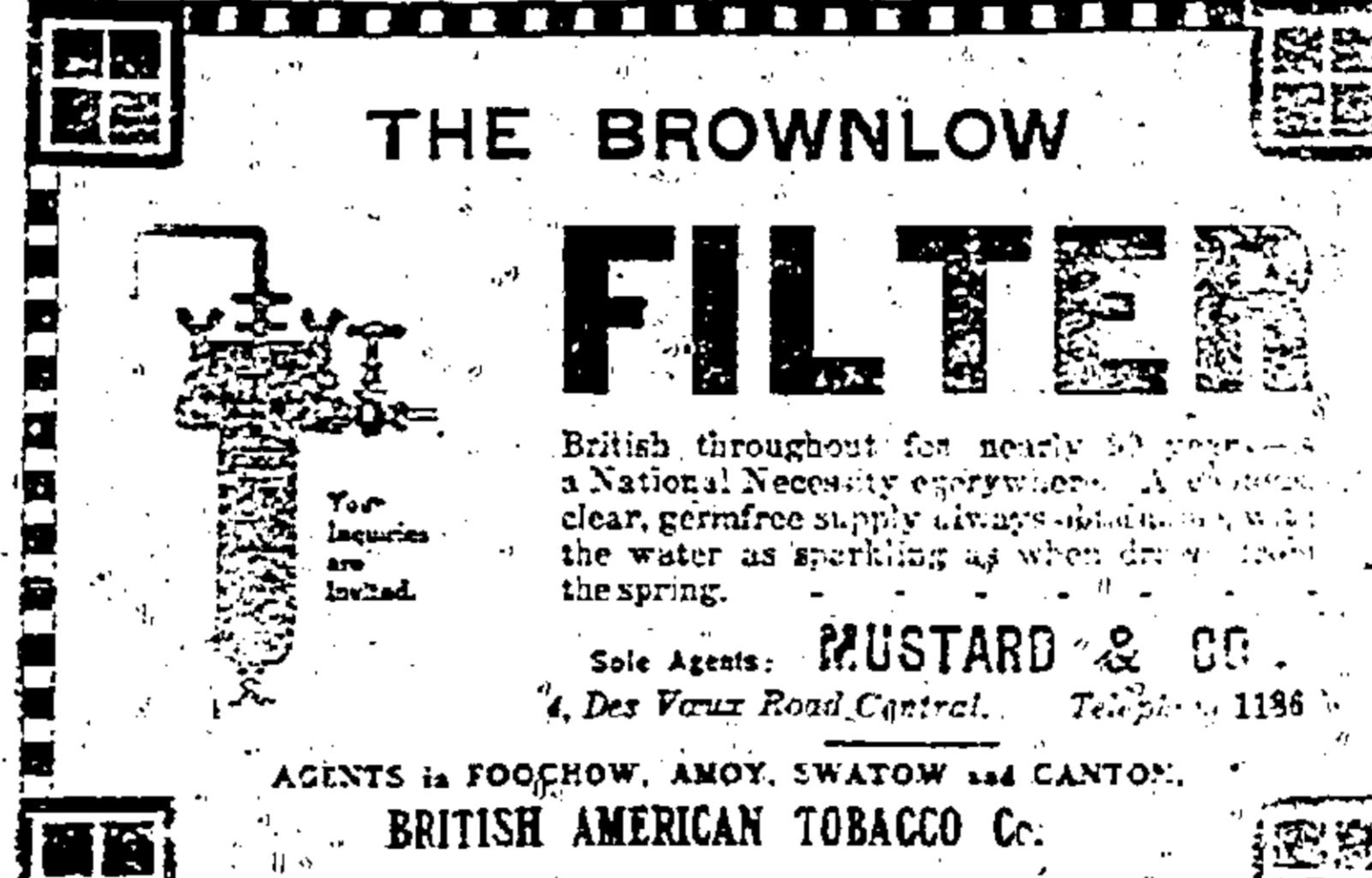
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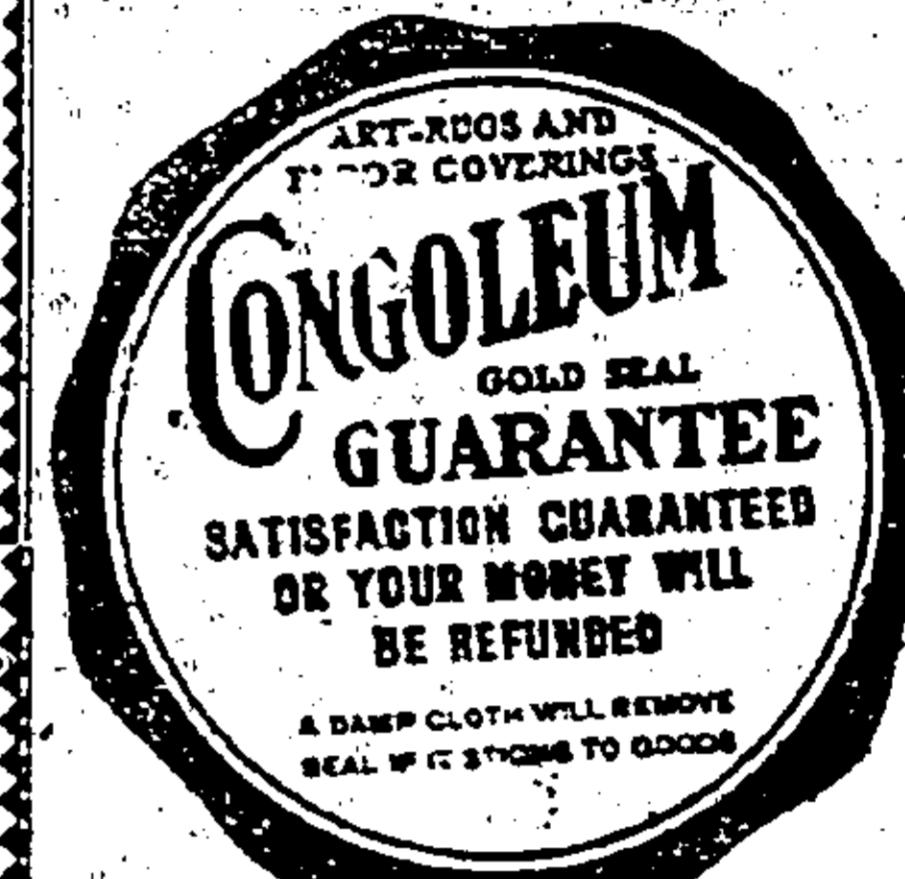
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D. K. BLAIR,

Hon Secretary,

Sailing Committee.

## Kerenky Writes a Book.

Mr. Kerenky has completed the writing of a book giving full explanations and details of his relations and disagreement with General Kerenski. It is understood that the book will be published shortly in English.

## NOTICE

## THE CHINA MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE undersigned has been appointed General Manager of the local Agency for Hongkong, Canton and Macao of the above Company, as from 1st October 1918, in succession to Mr. Lefferts Knox, resigned.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1918.

## THE KAISER'S NOTICE TO QUIT.

By "plain speaking and straightforward action," to use his own words, President Wilson has given his Reply to Germany. The full text of that Reply we published yesterday, and an analysis of it cannot lead to any other conclusion than that it is couched in dignified and at the same time unambiguous language. There is no possibility of mistaking its meaning, which is that the Allies cannot continue the discussions with the Kaiser and his Militarists, but that they are prepared to negotiate with the real representatives of the people. The presumptuous character of the last German Note really merited a contemptuous refusal to indicate any further exchange of views, but President Wilson is evidently prepared to exhaust every possibility before putting an end to the peace overtures. He is treating the Germans with more patience than they deserve, and, whatever the result of the recent exchange of Notes, it will be Germany's own fault if the obvious desire of the German people for immediate peace is not realised.

Germany has indulged in a deal of evasiveness in replying to the other Notes from President Wilson, but she will need to be very clever to follow the same course in answering this one, for it is finely reasoned and leaves no loophole for misunderstanding. The whole Note is permeated with logic and it proceeds by connected steps to the final conclusion that the Kaiser and his gang must retire into the background before any useful purpose can be served by continuing the talking. It is worth while noticing the construction of the Reply. It starts out by pinning Germany down to her unreserved acceptance of President Wilson's terms and to her promise to observe humane rules of warfare, goes on to say that the previous correspondence has been passed on to the other Allied Governments, who are asked to request their military advisers to fix the terms of the proposed armistice, and then states that Germany's unqualified acceptance of those terms will prove her sincerity in the matter. In other words, it is for the Allies, on purely military grounds, to arrange the terms, and not for Germany to be given the opportunity of doing what she seeks to do—entering into protracted discussion on their character with the express purpose of gaining time. President Wilson evidently has strong doubts, as we all have, as to the nature and the permanency of the Constitutional reforms about which German statesmen are making so much ado. He says so frankly, and while he admits the possibility of future control of wars by the German people, he very appropriately puts in the point that it is with this war that we are dealing. In this connection he plainly says that the military authorities of the German Empire are still in control, that the power of the Kaiser (who is specifically named as "King of Prussia") is unimpaired and that the initiative still remains with those who brought about the war. Frankly and openly, the American President states that we cannot trust these latter, that we can only deal with "the veritable representatives" of the German people, and that if we are to deal with "the military masters and the monarchical autocrats of Germany," it is surrender, and not negotiations that we must demand.

If the American Reply to Austria-Hungary was the death blow to the Dual Monarchy, this latest Note of President Wilson's means that the Kaiser and his henchmen must go, that being an essential preliminary to any discussions whatever. That is the message which the All-Highest will now have put under his nose; it is his notice to quit. The German people will soon know the fact, too, and if they have the means of transmitting their longings for peace into action, they will not hesitate to show that they are at one with the Allies in their determination to rid Europe of future war dangers. The next move is with the Germans. On their decision rests the issue of immediate peace or a more severe grilling by the Allied Armies.

German lies.

That His Holiness the Pope obviously looks upon the German protestation of innocence as regards outrages and devastations as a palpable lie, is shown by the fact that he has addressed a direct appeal to the German Chancellor in the hope that further unnecessary devastations may be prevented. Of course, the Allies knew all along that when peace came to be talked of Germany would immediately excuse herself for the terrible crimes which she has committed, but nevertheless now that the actual time has come for the making of a protest against the Allies' "allegations," one cannot help but smile. It is hard to believe that Germany seriously thinks that the Allies, having suffered so terribly at the hands of her brutal hordes, are merely going to accept any protestations of this kind when they know only too well the awful crimes for which Germany has been responsible. It is difficult to see any object in denying what has been conclusively proved to be barbarism, executed in such a manner as to sicken the world, yet Germany has adopted the role of a pious innocent—a role, by the way, which she can play admirably when it suits her—but she has over-reached herself this time. The Allies are not to be cajoled by weak denial when there is evidence in plenty before them.

A Fresh Instance.

At the same time as we receive the news of the Pope's appeal comes a report of a fresh instance of the inhumanity of the German authorities. This new discovery was made by Belgian soldiers who have suffered so much themselves at the hands of the tyrants who over-ran their country that they are well qualified to detect it. This new frightfulness is of a similar order to that which has been practised by the Hun since the beginning of the war, namely the ill-treatment of captured prisoners. In this case the unfortunate fellows were Russians and during the three years they have been in the hands of the German authorities they have been brutally treated and forced to do labour behind the firing line. The inhumanity in this instance is even more aggravated as the captives had been kept in complete ignorance of the Russian Revolution and the Brest peace. One wonders how Germany is going to find good and sufficient excuse for this kind of thing. Even Hun plausibility cannot make out of this description, but while we do not expect an admission of guilt we have evidence which will provide us with ample justification to make Germany pay.

Careless Blasting.

Apparently there are some contractors engaged in blasting operations who will not take proper precautions to safeguard life and limb or accomplish their work in such a manner as to save damage being done to trees, etc., for another of this fraternity was before the Magistrate yesterday. The \$16 he was fined for the damage done to some trees and the \$15 for not taking precautions should be sufficient to demonstrate to him that in future he will be wise to abide by the regulations. To cause damage to trees which are carefully planted and nurtured by the hard-working Forestry Department is bad enough, but that he should neglect to take such steps as would prevent an accident occurring to people passing on a road in close proximity to where the blasting operations were being carried out, is criminal; and the punishment which was inflicted was not one whit too severe. If a few more of these contractors who are so fond of ignoring the regulations are fined, probably others will take care.

Football Team.

The following team will represent St. Joseph's College against the University in the 2nd Division at 3 p.m. sharp on the Military Ground to day—E. de Souza; W. Ogle and V. M. Xavier; S. A. Marcel; S. A. Stephen and P. Xavier; E. M. Omar; E. A. Mooseen; E. R. Hyndman (Captain) J. Silva and L. Xavier.

## DAY BY DAY.

THE MORE HUMBLE A MAN IS THE MORE WILL HE BE AT PEACE

To-morrow's Anniversary.

The Dollar.

The Ardy Act.

Telegrams for Phillipine Islands.

Direct communication with Manila and beyond is interrupted.

Restoration is expected before Monday.

New Doctor.

The name of Woo T'iu-po, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Edinburgh, is added to the list of those qualified to practise medicine in Hongkong.

"Our Day" Tea.

The amount realised for tea and refreshments at the Gymkhana on "Our Day" was \$323.50 which Messrs. Wiseman, Ltd., have duly handed over to the Red Cross Fund.

A Fresh Instance.

Mrs. Mulry has sent another draft of \$20 to the Weekly Dispatch Tobacco Fund, making a total of \$490 collected to date. Part of the \$20 will be used for the 129th Siege Battery R.G.A., in which battery there are some of the Hongkong Police. The rest will be left to the discretion of the Weekly Dispatch. The "Kukki Bag" is still open for contributions.

Discharged.

A Chinese boy, aged thirteen, was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with stealing five pairs of trousers. Inspector P. O' Sullivan prosecuted and said that the complainant was a clothes hawker. Defendant pleaded guilty and said that the complainant struck a blow at his face, which was swollen. His Worship discharged the defendant, saying that if he appeared in Court again he would be sent to gaol.

Board of Arbitrators.

It is notified that the Board of Arbitrators, appointed to determine the amount of compensation to be paid in respect of the resumption of Lot No. 792 in Survey District IV, is constituted as follows:—Mr. Charles Henry G. Le, Justice of the Peace, (Chairman); Mr. Frederick Peel Eldon-Leonard Potter, (nominated by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government); Mr. John Carr Clark, (nominated by the owner.)

Taking No Chances.

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Snatching Bangles.

A Chinese was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with snatching a pair of silver bangles from a girl two years old at Brightown. Inspector Brazil prosecuted and said that yesterday afternoon the complainant went out with his father, when the defendant came from behind, stole the bangles and ran away. An elderly man saw him, gave chase, arrested him and handed him over to Police custody. At the station he was searched and the bangles were found in his pockets. When charged he said that he picked up the bangles in the street and had a look at them. Defendant denied stealing the bangles and said he was following a man who dropped a pair of bangles. He (defendant) picked them up to see if they were silver or gold bangles. He then returned the bangles and was beaten. His Worship sentenced defendant to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Report of the Canton Chapter.

From the first of the Canton Chapter of the American Red Cross we extract the following:

Shortly after our country entered the present gigantic struggle the American women of Canton asked themselves what they could do to help. Their first thoughts turned naturally to the Red Cross. A temporary organization was formed and during the first seven months of its existence some fifteen hundred Hongkong dollars worth of supplies were sent to the British Hospitals in Egypt. To defray the cost of these supplies subscriptions were obtained locally.

It was felt, however, that the Americans in Canton could do much more to help our country in the great cause upon which it had embarked and our enthusiasm for greater efforts was given impetus during the short stay in Canton of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Doubleday who were touring the Orient in the interest of the American Red Cross.

"Our Day" Tea.

The entire American community was deeply moved by the sudden illness and death of Mrs. Doubleday which occurred shortly after her arrival in Canton. A number of our members were privileged to meet her and they caught some of the enthusiasm of her personality, as well as a greater realisation of the need for help from Americans in even so distant a port as Canton, China.

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## LICENSING BOARD.

A Forthcoming Election.

It is notified that by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government an Election by the Justices of the Peace or Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for three years vice the Hon. Mr. Edward Shillim resigned, will take place in the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court on Monday, the 4th day of November, 1918, commencing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The only persons entitled to vote at the election are the Justices of the Peace.

Voting will commence at 4 p.m. and continue until 5.30 p.m. when the ballot-box will be closed.

## POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, C.B.E., state:

Command.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) requires command as from the 24th instant.

Revolver Course, 1918.

This Course will commence on Wednesday, October 30th, and will be fixed by all ranks except Band, Baglers and Ambulance.

Squads will be detailed through the respective Warrant Officers.

Superintendents and Inspectors will attend a conference at H.Q. Office on Thursday, October 31st, 5.30 p.m.

## OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following table shows the standard time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of November, 1918:

| Date     | Ends      | Begins    |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Nov. 1st | 6.15 a.m. | 5.59 p.m. |
| 2nd      | 6.16 "    | 5.58 "    |
| 3rd      | 6.17 "    | 5.57 "    |
| 4th      | 6.17 "    | 5.57 "    |
| 5th      | 6.18 "    | 5.56 "    |
| 6th      | 6.19 "    | 5.55 "    |
| 7th      | 6.19 "    | 5.55 "    |
| 8th      | 6.19 "    | 5.55 "    |
| 9th      | 6.20 "    | 5.54 "    |
| 10th     | 6.20 "    | 5.54 "    |
| 11th     | 6.21 "    | 5.54 "    |
| 12th     | 6.21 "    | 5.53 "    |
| 13th     | 6.22 "    | 5.52 "    |
| 14th     | 6.23 "    | 5.52 "    |
| 15th     | 6.24 "    | 5.51 "    |
| 16th     | 6.25 "    | 5.51 "    |
| 17th     | 6.26 "    | 5.51 "    |
| 18th     | 6.26 "    | 5.50 "    |
| 19th     | 6.27 "    | 5.50 "    |
| 20th     | 6.28 "    | 5.50 "    |
| 21st     | 6.28 "    | 5.50 "    |
| 22nd     | 6.29 "    | 5.50 "    |
| 23rd     | 6.29 "</  |           |

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Downing Street,  
10th Augt., 1918.

Sir—I have the honour to invite your attention to the provision in No. 144 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, which was added by the Order-in-Council of 19th July, 1918, and amended by the Order-in-Council of 2nd August, 1918, prohibiting the assumption of a name after 18th August, 1918, by a person other than a natural born British subject, of any name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the date of the commencement of the war.

2. Publicly sound be given to the Order in the territory under your administration in case any persons affected thereby should contemplate offering themselves as recruits for His Majesty's Forces or as volunteers for war work, or coming to this country in any other capacity.

I have, &c.,  
WALTER H. LONG.

The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.  
Extract from the London Gazette of the 26th July, 1918, No. 30815.—Despatch of the Beam Regulations, Order in Council dated 19th July, 1911.—5. After Regulation 144 the following regulation shall be inserted:

"144 (1) A person not being a natural born British subject shall not for any purpose assume or use, or purport to assume or use, or continue after the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen, the assumption or use of any name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the date of the commencement of the war, and if he does so, he shall be guilty of a summary offence against these regulations.

"(2) Where any such person as aforesaid carries on, or purports or continues to carry on, or is a member of a partnership or firm which carries on, or which purports or continues to carry on, any trade or business in any name other than that under which the trade or business was carried on at the date of the commencement of the war he shall for the purpose of this regulation be deemed to be using, or purporting or continuing to use, a name other than that by which he was ordinarily known at the date of the commencement of the war.

"(3) A Secretary of State may, if it appears desirable in any particular case, grant an exemption from the provisions of this regulation.

"(4) Nothing in this regulation shall

(a) affect the assumption or use, or continued assumption or use, of any name in pursuance of a Royal Licence; or

(b) affect the continuance of the use, until the decision of the Secretary of State has been given, of a name in respect of which an application for exemption is made before the nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and eighteen; or

(c) prevent the assumption or use by a married woman of her husband's name."

Extract from the London Gazette of the 5th August, 1918,

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

The Improvement of Kobe Harbour.

It is reported that the Japanese Home Department contemplates the improvement of Kobe harbour on a larger scale than any works hitherto undertaken in that direction. In fact, Mr. Aki, an expert attached to the Home Department, together with two assistants, are now in Kobe, making the necessary preliminary investigations in collaboration with the Prefectural authorities. Interviewed by a Press representative, Mr. Aki said—"The Home Department contemplates introducing important improvements not only at Kobe but at all other important ports. Kobe occupies a central position in Japan's foreign trade, and so we are hastily making preparations for improvements at that port first. A few months ago I came down to Kobe and inspected the equipment as to sheds, landing-stages, and other facilities. My present object is to inspect conditions regarding the collection of goods. When the preliminary investigations are completed, improvements will be undertaken by the State, but I cannot say for a certainty whether the necessary expenditure will be provided for in the next Budget, though it is possible that a portion of it will be included."

Government Control of Shipping.

Under the Wartime Shipping Control Act the Japanese Government has exercised varying degrees of control on the operation of Japanese vessels between foreign ports, which is subject to Government permission under that Act. About the time the Government recently requisitioned a certain number of vessels to meet the requirements of the military situation, the control was very strict, being practically prohibitive. It is understood, however, that control is now being exercised with less stringency. A few days ago the South Sea Trading Company obtained permission to operate the Nippomaru between Kobe, Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo, and Port Said. This permission has been secured within four days of application being made, a new record, for it usually takes much time before the Government decides upon an application. In view of the fact that no extra tonnage is now wanted for the American service, it is believed there will be more steamers placed on routes similar to that for which the South Sea Trading Company has secured permission. Interest in shipping circles is now being centred on the policy to be followed by the new Ministry in applying the provisions of the Wartime Shipping Control Act.

The Arming of Merchant Ships.

Mr. Justice Sankey has been called upon to decide whether the owners or the charterers should bear the loss caused by the deviation of a vessel under the orders of the Admiralty. The vessel, which was British, was about to leave New York for Havre when the Admiralty, hearing that she was unarmed, ordered her to Halifax for armament. She was there fitted to receive a defensive armament, but as there was a scarcity of guns no gun was mounted. Eventually she was allowed to go to Havre in company with an armed vessel. At Havre she received a gun, but was again delayed for want of gunners and ammunition. In these circumstances the charterers deducted from the sum due for hire £4,800 for time lost and coal burnt during the delay. They contended that the owners had failed to have the vessel fitted in every way for service in accordance with the terms of the charter party. Arbitrators found in favour of the owners, and the charterers appealed to the High Court. There was a clause in the charter party which stipulated that the owners should "maintain the vessel in a thoroughly efficient state in hull and machinery for and during the service." Another clause provided that "in the event of loss of time from deficiency of men or stores . . . for more than 24 running hours the payment of hire shall cease until she be again in an efficient state to resume her service." Mr. Justice Sankey, in giving judgement for the owners, said that the issuing of the order to have a gun fitted did not make the vessel liable on the ground that the ship had not been maintained in a state of efficiency; if it did not make the ship from that moment unfit for service. She was just as efficient afterwards as she had been before. The issue of the order by the Admiralty did not have the effect of producing a breach of contract by the owners.

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All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after October 28th, 1918, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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T. DAIGO,  
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Leehakchiao, Hengtyphong, from Amoy.

Liobysun, 46, Yeleken Road, from Shanghai.

Shirayuki, Charter Road, from Shanghai.

Chongseing, Yeesekah, 7, from Shanghai.

Ikegamitomijiro, Shiokubimaru, Care Nihonyusen, from Kobe.

Ikegamitomijiro, Shiokubimaru Care Nihonyusen, (2) from Kobe.

Kingfoo Kaechain Naikai, from Shanghai.

Cameron Netherlands Trading Society, from Yokohama.

Yanon, from Kobe.

T. KEBING, Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 25, 1918.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams, lying in the E. E. Telegraph Office at Hongkong.

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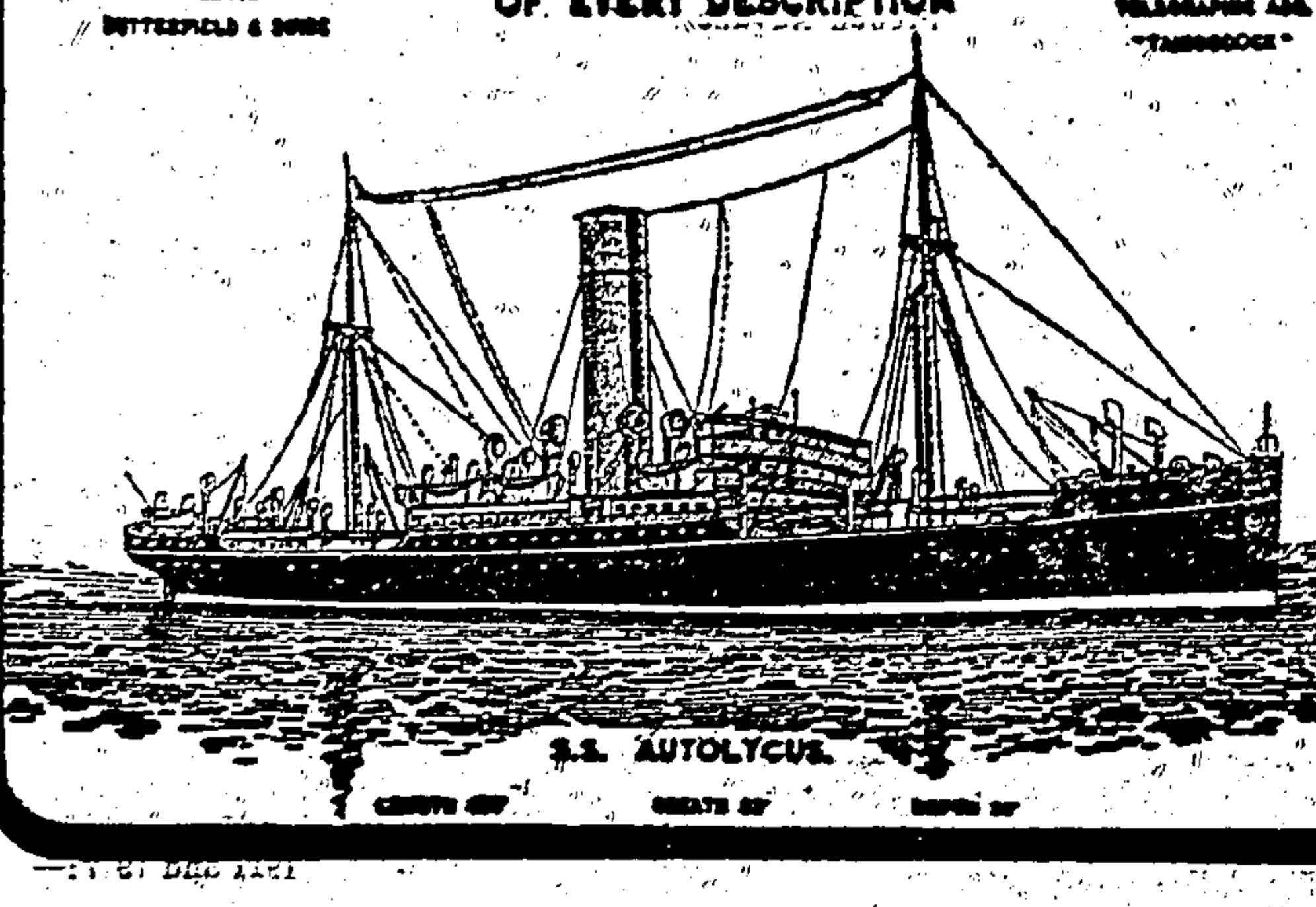
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## STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

## DETERMINED BRITISH PROGRESS.

## Hard Fighting at Many Points.

## GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES.

Lyons, October 24.

The British continue to push their advance. The Third and Fourth Armies progressed five kilometres on Wednesday on the whole front from L'Isle-à-Veque to Solesmes and captured ten villages. They pushed forward the line a distance of from 2,500 to 3,000 metres on the L'Isle-à-Veque-Landrecies road.

The British are still pursuing the encirclement of Tournai and Valenciennes and hold almost the whole course of the Scheldt to Tournai.

Between the Oise and the Serre, General D'Asprey made fresh progress. In two days fighting he captured 80 guns and 700 machine-guns. In spite of the violence of the struggle, the French established themselves on the left bank of the Souche, a tributary of the Serre.—French Wireless.

## Battle Progressing Satisfactorily.

London, October 25.

British correspondent at British Headquarters, writing last evening, says:—Between Bois le Véque and the Scheldt the battle is progressing satisfactorily. The Second Army has made a slight advance.

Northwards the French have taken Forêt de Waerhem.

The First Army also attacked this morning and crossed the river at various places. The principal opposition was encountered at Verchain and Monchaux. These crossings bring us into clear country south of Valenciennes.

## British Overcome Enemy Resistance.

London, October 25.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We extended our battlefront in the morning northwards as far as the Scheldt at Thiant.

Along the whole battlefront between the Sambre Canal and the Scheldt we have overcome the enemy's resistance and our advance has continued. There has been hard fighting at a number of places.

On the right, the Sixth Division reached the eastern edge of Bois le Véque and captured Ora. Northwards thereof we are approaching the western outskirts of Mortal Forest and have captured Robersart.

In the right centre of attack we have continued to advance successfully in the neighbourhood of Le Quesnoy. We have captured Poix du Nord and Les Tilleulles and progressed beyond them towards Eagle Fontaine. The Thirty-Seventh Division captured Ghissignies after a sharp struggle, the enemy defending determinedly the crossing of the Escaut thereabouts.

We secured crossings at Baudignies, which are in our possession. Here vigorous resistance was overcome by New Zealanders, who in this locality captured a number of batteries, including heavy.

The English on the left centre captured Bressy and are within a short distance of the Le Quesnoy-Valenciennes railway northward of this village.

There was heavy fighting on the high ground northward of Béthune, where we advanced in the neighbourhood of Vendegies-sur-Escaut. The enemy is still resisting at the latter village.

Anglo-Saxon troops on the left forced crossings of the Escaut River between Vieuxvillers and Thiant and gained high ground eastwards.

The Fourth Division, after hard fighting, captured Verchain and Monchaux. The Fifty-first Division, on their left, cleared the enemy from the east bank of the river and advanced to the western outskirts of Mortal in face of heavy machine gunning.

Hostile resistance was particularly stubborn in this sector.

Severe casualties have been inflicted on the enemy in the course of these operations. We have captured since the 23rd inst. over 7,000 prisoners and over a hundred guns.

We have secured the general line of the Sambre-Oise Canal from east of L'Isle-à-Veque to the edge of Mortal Forest, the neighbourhood of Le Quesnoy, Vendegies-sur-Escaut and the Souche, Oise and Mazing. We have progressed locally and taken prisoners in the Valenciennes-Tourcoing sector.

## A Big French Advance.

London, October 25.

A French communiqué states:—On the Oise front we crossed the canal opposite Landrecies. Between the Oise and the Serre we attacked and made a big advance, despite resistance south of Origny and St. Etienne and north of Villers le Sec. On the right we reached the L'Isle-à-Veque-Landrecies road at Ferrières Farm, taking prisoner several hundred.

## German Attack on Belgians.

London, October 25.

A Belgian communiqué states:—The enemy late yesterday attacked our lines on the northern part of Durbuy Canal. Several assaulting columns, supported by violent artillery fire, attempted to debouch by Siroiburg, Mervenzen and Baergerhook, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

## THE BALKAN CAMPAIGN.

## Allies Reach Bormina.

Lyons, October 24.

The Allies have reached Bormina. The Serbians captured the Bakovit marsh, north-east of Alexiatz.—French Wireless.

## Enemy Retreating Along Whole Front.

London, October 25.

A French Eastern communiqué states:—French troops have entered Negotin. Further east, the Serbians broke the enemy resistance on Rzacača and captured Mecka massif and the village of Cicev, taking prisoner three hundred. The enemy is retreating along the whole front.

## HERR LIESKNECHT.

## Released from Imprisonment.

London, October 25.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says the Socialist member of the Reichstag, Herr Liebknecht, has been released from imprisonment. He was greeted by cheering crowds.

## DUTCH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON.

London, October 18 (delayed).

Reuter's correspondent at the Hague says it is officially announced that Mr. Cremer, ex-Minister for the Colonies, has been appointed Minister to Washington.

## STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

## THE PEACE QUESTION.

Sir Edward Carson's Reminder of the Past.

London, October 24.

Sir Edward Carson, speaking at Oxford, drew attention to the fact that Germany's minimum demands when she thought she was top dog included the surrender of Malta, Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, etc. He heartily concurred in President Wilson's Note of 24th and said our armistice terms must be equivalent to Germany's terms in 1870, when, replying to a request for an armistice, she agreed, providing all German guns were placed advantageously round Paris so that the city could be taken at pleasure. Anything less now, involved disaster.

## Allied Unity.

London, October 24.

In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil stated that harmony existed between the United States and other Associated Governments as regards war aims.

## No More Separate American Dealings.

London, October 25.

Reuter's Washington correspondent says it is emphasised in official diplomatic circles that President Wilson's Note means that the United States has finished with separate dealings with the German authorities and that future announcements will be of the United States and Allied Governments acting in concert.

## Allies Approve the Reply.

London, October 25.

Reuter is reliably informed that the Allied Governments cordially approve of President Wilson's Note, which generally represents the views of the Allies, who, despite appearances of deliberately leaving the brunt of the negotiations upon the President, have been acting in complete accord with the United States throughout. President Wilson now, however, having submitted the question to the Allies, definite concerted action will be taken and the naval and military terms recommended by the respective Governments will be the joint terms of all the associated nations, who are firmly determined to act conjointly.

## A Separate Hungarian Peace Impossible.

London, October 25.

A message from Buda Pest states that in the Lower House, the Premier, Dr. Wekerle, visited that Count Karolyi's demand for a separate peace was impossible, as the Germans were protecting danger points on the Hungarian frontier. The Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister was framing a reply to President Wilson.

## Czechs Overjoyed at U.S. Note.

Amsterdam, October 25.

A message from Vienna says President Wilson's Austrian Note has overjoyed the Czechs, who have now demanded the establishment of a Czech Government and the withdrawal of Hungarian troops from Prague.

It is possible that the Vienna food famine, concerning which the Frankfurter Zeitung describes it as systematic starvation of Vienna and the German territories of Austria by the Czechs and Hungarians, will compel the Government to recognise the Czech National Council, as the Czechs have promised help if the Council is recognised.

## MORE AIR RAIDS.

## Heavy Attacks by British Airmen.

London, October 25.

The Press Bureau announces that the independent air forces on the night of the 23rd last, heavily and successfully attacked factories and railways at Buda and Szeged, dropping fire and a half tons. It also attacked, with good results, chemical factories at Mannheim and railways at Osnabrück and Münster near Münster. One aeroplane has not been located.

In addition to the enemy machines reported destroyed in yesterday's communiqué, we brought down one and shot down two uncontrollable.

Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—We dropped six tons and brought down sixteen aeroplanes and drove down two uncontrollable. Ten British are missing.

## TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

## LICENSING SESSIONS.

## CANTON NEWS.

## DAY BY DAY.

## Lady May's Rose Fund.

The sixteenth list of the above Fund brings the total sum to \$8,612.16.

## Colony's Health.

During yesterday there were notified one fatal each of diphtheria and enteric, the victims being Chinese.

## "Our Day" Photographs.

A. Fong has some excellent photographs of the "Our Day" celebrations. These are on sale at Messrs. A. Tack's, and the proceeds are being devoted to the Red Cross funds.

## Private Wireless Messages.

It is notified that in future private wireless messages will not be accepted for transmission by the General Post Office unless they are of an extremely urgent nature; in this case they must be previously submitted to the Naval Censor, Army Headquarters Offices, and if stamped as passed by him they will be accepted for transmission by the General Post Office.

## Supreme Court Appointment.

It is notified that His Honour Sir William Rees Davies, Chief Justice, has, by Commission signed by him, appointed Nicholas George Nolan, Chief Interpreter of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations, and attestations of honour in the Court, and a Commissioner for taking acknowledgments by married women of deeds to be executed by them, so long as he shall hold the office of Chief Interpreter.

## Smart Sentence for Liar.

A Chinese was ordered three months' imprisonment with ten strokes of the birch when charged to-day on remand with the larceny of a wagon and chain, valued at \$10, from the person of an Indian watchman on "Our Day" at the Racecourse enclosure. At his first appearance accused had stated that he was employed in a certain shop. This morning, when the master of the shop appeared in Court he identified accused as a clanneman but denied having employed him as a fakir. The Magistrate observed that he had called the witness not in connection with the case but to see whether defendant's statement were borne out. It had been proved now that he had told a deliberate lie and all his other statements as to his innocence would not be taken into consideration. Accused was ushered out of court without a hearing against the witness.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph".]

## A LIGHTING APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

Sir,—Pedestrians who have to make daily use of the two flights of steps from Chancery Lane to Arbatfoot Road and therefrom to Wyndham Street, are greatly inconvenienced when coming down during the evening hours owing to the want of a proper light at this spot. Time after time, the attention of the Authorities has been drawn to the same, but, I am sorry to say, without any response. Would an electric lamp be too much for the Colonial Government to arrange for without such constant appeals?

Yours &c.,  
PEDESTRIAN.  
Hongkong, Oct. 26, 1918.

## MAGISTRACY.

Butter 200 Years Old.

While engaged in turf cutting in a bog near Portdown the workers came on a keg of butter many feet under the surface in a perfect state of preservation. Experts state that it must have been lying there for at least 200 years.

New Rule for War Medals.

The Army Council have decided that, in respect of services in the Army, the D.S.O., the M.C., and D.C.M. shall be regarded, as from August 1st last, as distinctions awarded for "services in action" only. "Services in action" will be held to mean:—(i) Services under fire. (ii) Distinguished individual services in connection with air raids, bombardments, or other enemy action which produces conditions equivalent to services in actual combat and demands the same personal elements of command, initiative, or control on the part of individuals and, in a lesser degree only, possibly entails the same risks. In no circumstances will any exemption to this rule be allowed.

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Secretary to the Licensing Board.

| No. | Names of Applicants.     | Description of Licence applied for.  | Sign of House.      | Situation of House.  | Whether the applicant has held a licence to sell liquor in the Colony and, if so, for how long. | Remarks. |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|----------|
| 1   | Herbert Nicholas Beaupre | Publican's Licence.                  | Hongkong Hotel,     | 18, Des Voeux Road, Central, and 11, 15 & 17, Fiddler Street.                | 3 months and 8 years as Sub-Manager.  |          |
| 2   | Job Witchell             | "                                    | King Edward Hotel,  | 5, Des Voeux Road, Central, and 4, Lee House St-Set, 374, 4th and 6th floors | 3 years.  |          |
| 3   | Fritz Albert Chopard     | "                                    | Astor House Hotel   | 13, Queen's Road Central,  | 7 years.  |          |
| 4   | James Henry Oberney      | "                                    | Palace Hotel,       | 42, 43 & 44, Haiphong Road, Kowloon  | 5 months.   |          |
| 5   | Mrs. Flora Blair         | "                                    | Peak Hotel,         | 13, Chamberlain Road,  | 8 years.  |          |
| 6   | Tokuo Uyetsuki           | "                                    | Nomura Hotel        | 15, 16 & 17, Connaught Road Central,   | 7 years.  |          |
| 7   | Mrs. Yoneto Uyetsuki     | "                                    | Tokyo Hotel         | 36, 37, & 38A, Pottinger Street,   | 1 year.   |          |
| 8   | Teoi Tei Wing            | "                                    | Stag Hotel          | 148 & 150, Queen's Road Central,   | 6 years.  |          |
| 9   | Junkichi Tada            | "                                    | Kowloon 16,         | 39, Pottinger Street, Kowloon  | 2 years.  |          |
| 10  | Tokutaro Miyajima        | "                                    | Suehiro Hotel       | 45, Haiphong Road, Kowloon   | 2 years.  |          |
| 11  | D. M. Goodall            | "                                    | Wiseman Limited,    | 14, Des Voeux Road Central   | 3 years.  |          |
| 12  | Tokutaro Ishiyama        | Restaurant-Keeper's Adjunct Licence. | Iroha Hotel         | 1, Haiphong Lane, Wan Chai   | 2 years.  |          |
| 13  | Mrs. Nellie Babbage      | "                                    | Alexandra Cafe      | 16, Des Voeux Road Central   | 3 years.  |          |
| 14  | Sohichi Yoshizawa        | "                                    | Yoshizawa Tokuhachi | 35, 36 & 37 Praya East   | 5 years.  |          |
| 15  | Mrs. Yon-Namura          | "                                    | Harunojo Hotel      | 22 & 23, Praya East  | 5 years.  |          |
| 16  | Joe Yamakawa             | "                                    | "                   | 47, Praya East   | 12 years.   |          |

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)  
FACTS OF BAKU'S SURRENDER.

London, Oct. 24.  
In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil stated that the Government is now informed that the Armenians at Baku entered into negotiations for the surrender of the town on the advice of General Dunsterville, when he saw that the fall of the town was imminent. Therefore no blame falls to be attached to the Armenians thereon. Lord Robert Cecil emphasised the gallant services of the Armenians during the Turkish campaign and said the Allies were considerably indebted to the Armenians.

## BRITISH AERIAL ATTACKS.

London, Oct. 23.  
The Press Bureau states: The Independent Air Force on Oct. 23 heavily attacked railways at Metzalon, obtaining many direct hits on the railway triangle and barracks. We destroyed one enemy machine and drove three down. One British is missing.

## GLOWING U.S. TRIBUTE TO BRITISH NAVY.

London, Oct. 23.  
Thirty million people attending the Trafalgar Day celebration throughout the United States passed a resolution paying tributes to the stupendous services of the British Navy to the Allies. The resolution says inter alia "Understanding the full significance of the British Navy has been privileged to play in liberating the world from autocracy and misrule and appreciating particularly its gallant and efficient work in transporting and conveying American men and supplies with so little loss as to constitute an achievement which must stand forever among the most glorious annals of the great war, we, the people of America, numbering over thirty million assembled in our churches, theatres, lodges and other meeting places, desire this expression of our lasting gratitude and enduring esteem to be conveyed to our officers and men of the British Navy and peoples of the British Empire."

## SUBMARINISM ON THE WANE.

London, Oct. 23.  
The Admiralty announces that the British merchant tonnage losses in September totalled 155,000 gross tons and the Allied and neutral combined losses 88,000. The aggregate constitutes the lowest monthly sinkings since August 1916, and is below that of the year's monthly average. The total losses for the three months ended September 30 were 833,000 compared with 964,000 for the previous quarter and 1,500,000 tons for the corresponding quarter of last year. The sailings of steamships exceeding 600 gross tons between the United Kingdom and overseas ports, excluding cross-channel traffic, were 7,500,000 tons in September.

## ENEMY AGENTS BUSY.

London, Oct. 23.  
In the House of Commons Mr. Houston affirmed that the sinking of the steamer Pentland Range was due to a bomb placed aboard by an enemy agent in Buenos Aires and the fire aboard the Danish steamer Fiona, loaded with hessian bags from the British Commissioner of wheat supplies was due to incendiaries. Mr. MacNamara admitted that inquiries supported both suggestions.

## A BRITISH WARNING TO AUSTRIA.

London, Oct. 23.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Joynson Hicks, Mr. Hope stated that the Government had informed Austria that the sternest reprisals would be immediately taken if British airmen were put to death for dropping leaflets in the enemy lines and cities.

## TRIBUTE TO INDIAN SOLDIERS.

London, Oct. 23.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir J. D. Rees, Mr. Montagu stated that General Allenby's force included over one hundred thousand Indian troops and that all accounts testified to the courage, discipline and endurance of all ranks.

## WOMEN AND PARLIAMENT.

London, Oct. 23.  
The House of Commons resolved by 224 to 22 voices that the Bill should be passed forthwith making women eligible as Members of Parliament.

## OBITUARY.

London, Oct. 23.  
The death is announced of Agnes Weston, D.L. (hon. Glasgow Un.), founder of the Royal Sailor's Rests at Plymouth and Devonport.

## HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative orders issued by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, states:—  
STRENGTH.—  
No. 304 Private R. F. Bray was enrolled on 17th October, 1918 and posted to "D" Company.  
ATTACHED.—  
Reference Corps Order No. 3 dated 11th October, 1918, the attachment of Private H. B. Bridger to the Engineer Company is cancelled.  
TRANSFERS.—  
No. 363 Private R. L. Bridge, "A" Company and No. 613 Private A. Stevenson, "B" Company, are transferred to the Artillery Company, dated 23rd October, 1918.  
No. 688 Private H. B. Bridger, "B" Company, is transferred to "D" Company, dated 23rd October, 1918.  
LEAVES.—  
No. 168 Sapper G. Haigh, Engineer Company, is granted leave for the duration of the war, from 22nd October, 1918.  
Corporal B. S. Setana, "A" Company, is granted 6 months' leave, on business to date from day of departure.  
Corporal A. A. Bolton and Private R. Henderson, Machine Gun Company, are granted 3 months' leave, each, on business, from 22nd October, 1918.  
Gunner W. C. Bond, Artillery Company, is granted 12 months' extension, of leave, from 22nd October, 1918.  
Private H. A. Baxter, Signalling Section, is granted 6 months' leave, on Medical Certificate from 28th October, 1918.  
GILDERS FOR ARTILLERY COMPANY BY CAPTAIN J. E. W. ARMSTRONG, V.D.  
PARADES AT BELCHERS BATTALY.—  
Monday, 28th October:—  
5.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full drill.  
Tuesday, 29th October:—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. New Layers' Class only.  
Friday, 1st November:—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full drill.  
5.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Layers' Class only.  
ORDERS FOR ENGINEER COMPANY BY CAPT. W. RUSSELL  
25th October to 1st November, 1918.—D.E.L. Duties.  
Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters.  
Engine Drivers at 5.30 p.m.  
Electricians at 5.45 p.m.  
OFFICERS NEXT FOR DUTY.—  
Belchers, Lieut. Hall; Lyceum, Captain James; Stonemasons, Lieut. Stevenson.  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIGHER RATINGS AND N.C.O.'S AND MEN OF THE INFANTRY.  
BATTALION ATTACHED FOR DUTY.—  
Class 1, at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (1/2) examination.  
Class 2, at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.'s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeant Ovenden and Parsons, R.E., and Sergeant Day, H.K.D.C., Class 3, at Lyceum at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Q. M. S. White, and Staff Sergeant Barclay, R.E.  
Detail of Belchers' Beliefs for November, 1918, is posted at Headquarters.

## THE GERMAN MICHAEL'S POSITION.

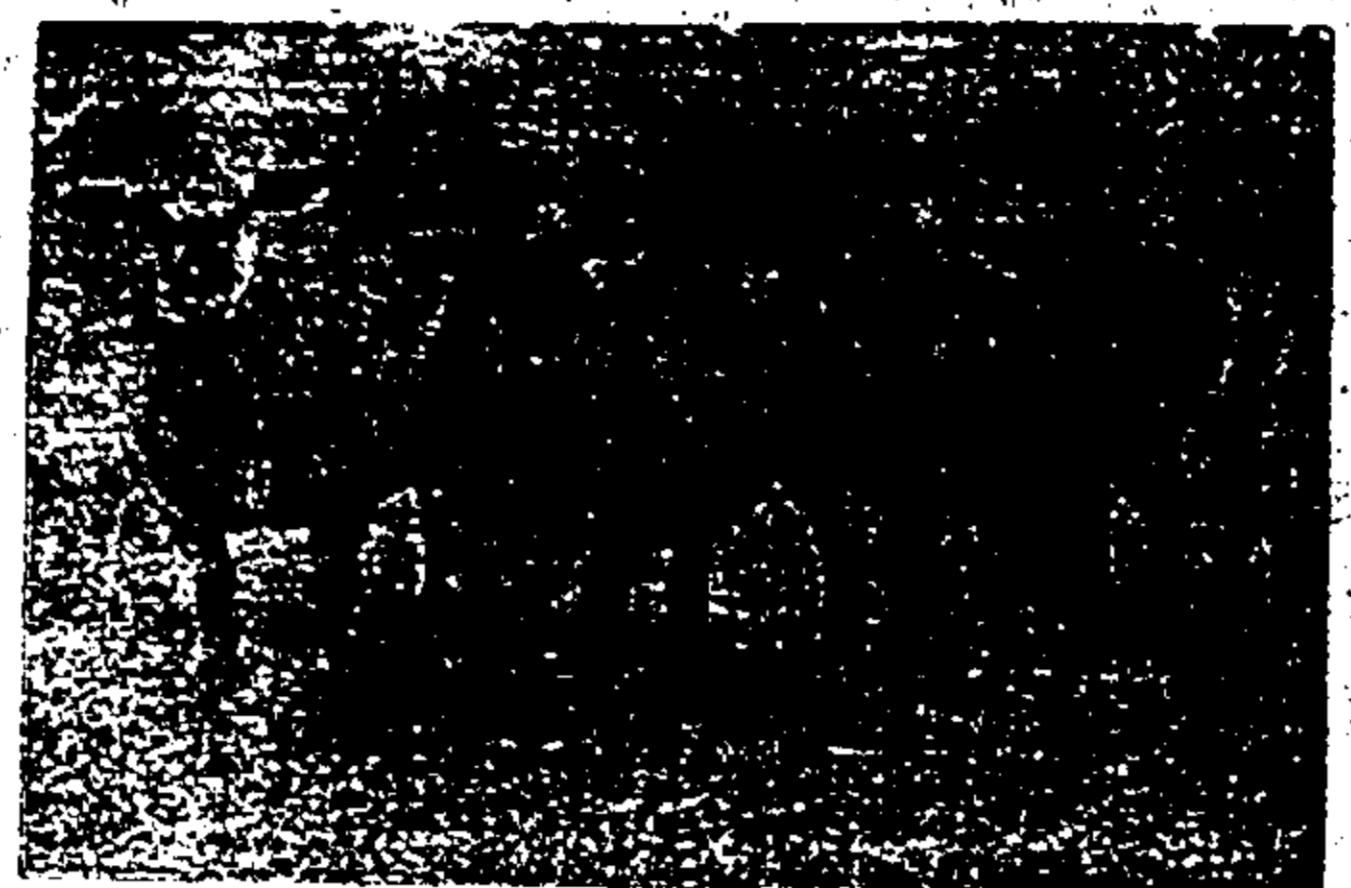
By Lieut. A. A. Milne.

It is time that the German Michael considered his position. He has lived for four years on the premises of his rulers. Those four years have brought him neither happiness nor the hope of happiness to come. A blind faith in the invincibility of Germany, in the might of Hindenburg, in the divine inspiration of Kaiser, has closed his eyes to facts. It is time that he opened his eyes.  
The first fact in front of him, if he will but face it, is that he has been deceived. Each year he has had the same promise made to him—that the war will be over in the autumn. At one time it is the Army which is going to force victory before the leaves fall; at another time it is the U-boats. America, he was told, would never come into the war. When she came in, there was a new promise ready; her troops would never get to France. They got to France, but it was still quite easy to promise that the enemy would be defeated before the American Army was trained. For every setback there was always a promise; a promise that would keep the German Michael patient for another six months' grace to his rulers.  
It once he realises that the promises which have been made to him have meant nothing to him, he will be on the way to forming his own judgment of the position. What is Germany? His actual position is this: let it be impossible for her to win in the war, and quite possible for her to lose it.  
It is possible for her to lose it, simply because she is not in a military sense an unconquerable country. Theoretically Germany can be conquered by the sword just as France can, as Italy can, as Belgium and Serbia have already been. No amount of orcsizing that Germany is invincible, that our mighty Hindenburg will do this and our mighty Ludendorff will do that, can alter that fact. In theory she can be beaten; and in practice she will be beaten as soon as the troops opposed to her are, in numbers and munition, a sufficient superiority. There is nothing derogatory to Germany's fighting power in this statement. It is something which the most patriotic German can fully admit; indeed, must admit since he opens his eyes.  
It is impossible for her to win the war, because two of her enemies, England and America, are in a military sense (as opposed to a naval) unconquerable. Neither England nor America can be conquered by the sword. This is another fact which the German Michael must admit, he does it bravely. The more expression of his hatred of England or America does not alter the fact. England and America, and, on equality, the Grand Alliance against him—is unconquerable.

## Stolen Wood.

A Chinese was charged on remand at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, with being in unlawful possession of 117 pieces of wood. Sergeant Murphy prosecuted and said that the defendant could not find the men who he said sold the wood to him. The Telephone Co. and the Electric Co. could not identify the wood. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, or four days' hard labour.

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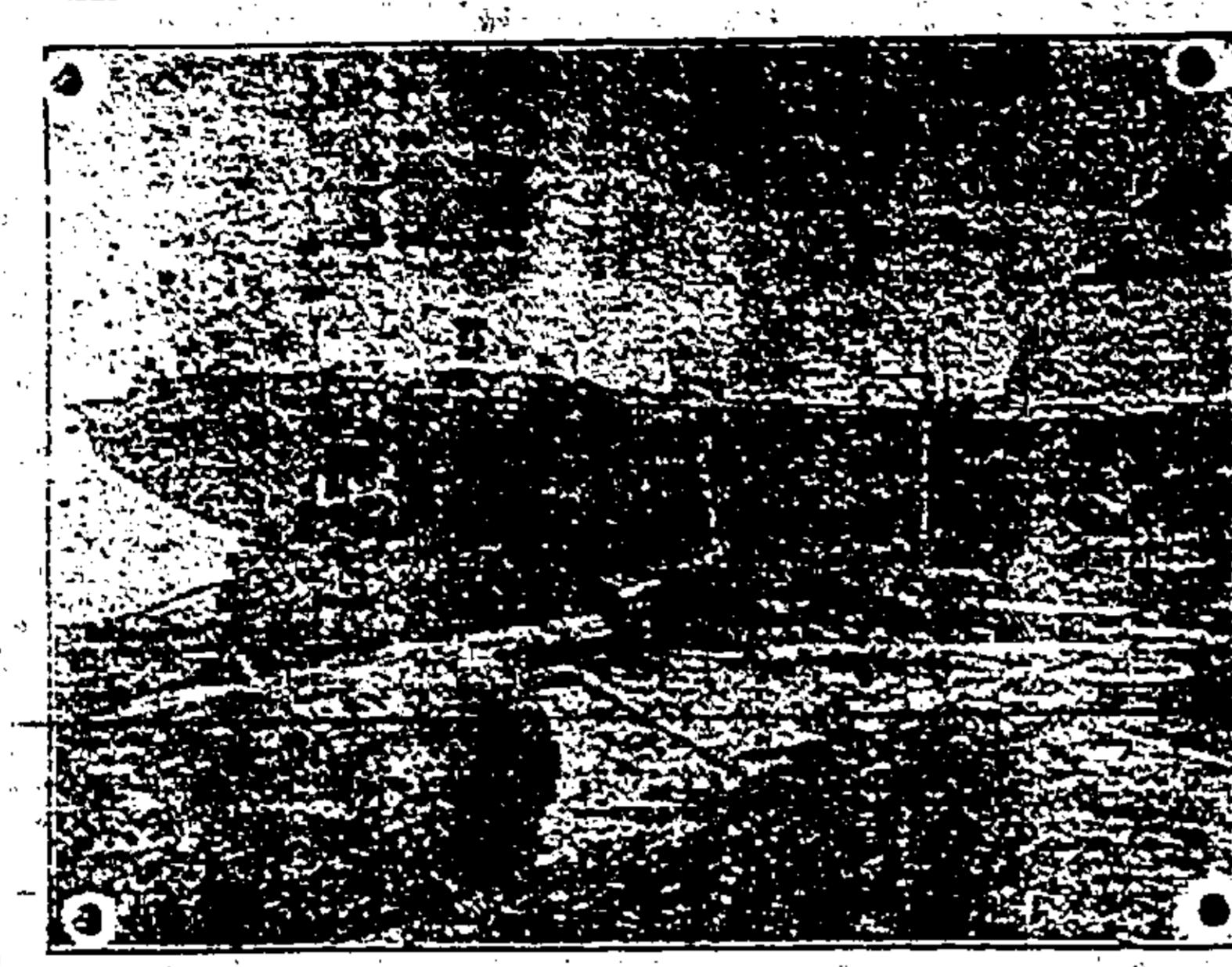
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

The Proposed Russo-Japanese Bank.

It will be recalled that since last year a proposal has been on foot to establish a Russo-Japanese Bank under Russian and Japanese joint management. Early this year, though the bankers concerned practically arrived at an agreement regarding this concern, it was decided to postpone the scheme until after the situation in Russia had become quieter. The Russian situation having since become more settled, the proposal is now revived and it is said it will not be long before the bank is formally established. According to Mr. Minobe, President of the Bank of Korea, this institution is playing an important part with regard to the project. He says that the head office of the proposed Russo-Japanese Bank will be established at Harbin and branches at various places, its capital amounting to 5,000,000 rubles. The Japanese and Russian bankers concerned have already arrived at a full understanding regarding the project, but the question remains open under which regulations the proposed bank is to be established in view of the present administrative state of affairs in Russia. Mr. Minobe thinks that it will probably be established under Japanese regulations.—*Japan Chronicle*.

Mobilisation of Germans who Lived Abroad.

The Society of Commercial Agreements is taking in hand the question of employing in the interests of German foreign trade those Germans who before the war were residents in foreign countries. A fair number of these will probably remain in Germany because they have been able to find satisfactory employment there, say the *Hansard* Correspondents, a number are disabled and as such expect to obtain occupation easily. Of the remainder, it is assumed that after the war some at least will return to their former positions as representatives, branch managers, commercial travellers, etc., of German firms abroad. But some will be unable to return, either because the German foreign business in which they were interested is liquidated and cannot be reopened, or because its continuation is regarded as unprofitable. On the other hand, continues the *Hansard* journal, there must be many German houses which

realise that new men will be necessary to work up trade connections in enemy or neutral countries. The struggle on the world market will be keen, and intensive work will therefore be necessary. There is thus a supply of German labour for foreign countries and also a demand for it. To bring the two into touch, the Society for Commercial Agreements is circularising the parties concerned, with a view to discovering their requirements.

Japanese Strawboard for Australia.

According to an exchange from Australia, the Federal authorities have decided to increase in all the States the maximum prices for strawboards, paperboards, and paper-box boards, manufactured in Australia, as follows:—Strawboards, unlined, 8 z. to 16 z., incisive, £18 10s. per ton; 18 z. to 32 z., £25; whitelined, 8 z. to 10 z., inclusive, £24; 12 z. to 22 z., £22; 10 z., £21; colourlined, 10 z., £27; 12 z., £25; 14 z., £23; 10 z., 16 z., £22; paperboards (not including grey boards or manilla), unlined, 8 z., to 12 z., inclusive, £20; white-lined, 8 z., £30; 10 z., £27; 12 z., £25; paper-box board, folding paper-board, 10 z. to 12 z., £26. On inter-State sales, the above prices plus actual cost of transportation. It is stated on behalf of the Commonwealth Board Millers, Ltd., that that firm has been compelled to cease the manufacture of strawboards, owing to what is described as the arbitrary fixing of the prices at which the Australian product may be sold. It is alleged that the Prices Commissioner, without any reference to the company as to the cost of production, fixed the prices so low as to involve the company in heavy losses. The company was charging £16 10s. a ton for its plain strawboard. It will not now make these, but will substitute Japanese products, as far as possible, and the boards will cost the public £47 10s. ton. The material is being produced for use as a substitute for templets in connection with the marketing of jams and other foods.

Paper and Yarn from Seaweed.

Mr. Hara Tomokichi, of Tokyo, has applied to the Patent Bureau for registration of a patent of a process for making paper and cotton substitutes from seaweed. One kind of seaweed grass is suitable for making paper, and the other for a cotton substitute. With regard to his invention Mr. Hara says, as

quoted by the *Japan Chronicle* translation from the *Yomiuri*:—"My process will reduce the cost of spinning cotton-wool by four-fifths and that of making paper by two-thirds. The raw material is to be found in abundance along the coast and in lakes in the country—especially in Miyagi and Aomori Prefectures, in the north-eastern part of the country, in Shikoku, and along the coast of the Inland Sea. The seaweed is an annual plant, and even though the whole crop in the country is used up, an abundant yield is available in another year. The supply of material is accordingly inexhaustible. The quality of the water in which it grows, tidal currents, and locality, with varying degrees of strength in fibre, are factors which are of great importance. The fibre is very strong and even the most inferior kind makes a good substitute for hemp in making rope. For using as a substitute for raw cotton or for making paper the wood has to be bleached with certain chemicals."

In reference to the announcement that President Wilson intends to visit England and France "at no distant date" this does not necessarily mean an imminent visit, says the *Press Association*. The Government have as yet received no official intimation as to the date of the visit, but when then they are apprised of the President's plans the most cordial welcome will await the distinguished visitor.

British Governor Hurt at Honduras Fire.

The correspondent of the Associated Press at Tampa (Florida) says news has been received there of a disastrous fire at Belize, the capital of British Honduras, on August 17, in which several Government and municipal buildings were destroyed. The damage is estimated at £30,000. Mr. W. Hart Bennett, M.P., the Governor of British Honduras, was struck on the head by a falling flagpole, and was taken to hospital in a critical condition.—*Reuters*.

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Saigon—Per SHI'N FOO, 27th Oct., 9 a.m.  
Port Said—Per WA'SUN, 27th Oct., 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per CHO'U M., 27th Oct., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 28th October.

Saigon & Bangkok—Per TAI-MING,  
28th Oct., 8 a.m.

Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per  
BORNEO MARU, 28th Oct., 10 a.m.

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29th Oct., 11 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok & India via Calcutta—  
29th Oct., 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 30th October.  
Tientsin—Per HUICHOW, 30th Oct., 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 31st October.

Shanghai & North China—Per SUN-  
NING, 31st Oct., 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 1st November.

Saigon, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-  
FONG, 1st Nov., 1 p.m.

Philippines Islands—Per LOONGSANG,  
1st Nov., 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 2nd November.

Sandakan—Per MATSANG, 2nd Nov.,  
10 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nag-  
oya, Honolulu, United States, Can-  
ada & South America, & Europe via San Francisco—  
Per KOREA MARU, 2nd Nov.,

Registration 9:45 a.m. Letters 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 5th November.

Shanghai, Bangkok, Ceylon, Bombay, Aden,  
Egypt & Cochin via Madras, Colombo &  
Kandy—Per KOREA MARU, 5th Nov.,  
Registration 9:45 a.m. Letters 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 6th November.

Shanghai, Bangkok, Ceylon, Bombay, Aden,  
Egypt & Cochin via Madras, Colombo &  
Kandy—Per KOREA MARU, 6th Nov.,  
Registration 9:45 a.m. Letters 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 8th November.

Shanghai, Bangkok, Ceylon, Bombay, Aden,  
Egypt & Cochin via Madras, Colombo &  
Kandy—Per KOREA MARU, 8th Nov.,  
Registration 9:45 a.m. Letters 10:30 a.m.

### CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong—  
22nd Sunday after Trinity, 27th  
October, 1918. Holy Communion  
(7:30 a.m.) Matins  
(11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial  
Venite: Hine. Psalms: Beot.  
hoven. Te Deum: Woodward.  
Smart and Tude. Benedictus:  
Trotbeck. Hymn: 178, 165  
God Save the King. N.B.—  
Psalm 120, verses 1, & 2, in  
unison; 121, verses 5, & 6, in  
unison; 122, verses 3, 4 & 9, in  
unison. Hymn 178, verses 1 &  
5 in unison. Hymn 165, verses  
1, 3 & 6, in unison. Litany (12  
noon.) Evensong (9 p.m.) Res-  
ponses: Ferial. Psalms: Turle.  
Goss. Middle Voluntary. Prieur.  
Boellmann. Magnificat: Goss  
(10th evening.) Nunc Dimittis:  
K. Iway (3rd morning.) Hymns:  
220, 22, 337. N.B.—Psalm 126,  
verses 1, 2 and 7, in unison.  
Psalm 128, verses 1, 2 and 7,  
and 7, and G.P. in unison.  
Hymn 220, verses 1 and 4, in  
unison. Hymn 232, verses 1  
and 6, in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon—  
22nd Sunday after Trinity, 27th  
October, 1918. Holy Communion  
at 8:15 a.m. Morning  
Prayer 11 a.m. Responses:  
Ferial. Venite: Hine. Psalms:  
As & et. Te Deum: St. Jude.  
Benedictus: Barnby. Hymns:  
292 (Tune 587), 136, 397, 269  
God Save the King. Evening  
Prayer 6 p.m. Responses:  
Ferial. Psalms: As set. Magni-  
ficat: Barnby. Nunc Dimittis:  
Wesley. Hymns: 336, 198, 474  
(First 2 and last 2 verses), 21.  
God Save the King.

Union Church, Kennedy Road—  
Sunday Services October 27th,  
Morning 11. Hymns: 344,  
615, 359, 237, 198. Evening 6.  
Hymns: 10, 54, 104, 433.  
Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk  
Macdonachie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point—  
Sunday 27th October, 1918.  
8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 a.m.  
Morning Prayer and Sermon.  
Preacher: Major Walmsley.  
Peek Church—Holy Communion  
at 8:15 a.m.

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Services—Sunday. Breaking  
of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel  
Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday.  
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Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday.  
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Saturday, Prayer Meeting,  
8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,  
Wanchai—Sunday Morning  
Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Soldiers' and Sailors' Home  
Arsenal Street—Sunday Evening  
Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden  
Road—Mass and Sermon at  
10 a.m. followed by the Bene-  
diction of the Blessed Sacra-  
ment.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glen-  
eagles—Low Masses at 8, 7, and  
5:30 p.m.—Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ Scientist—  
MacDonnell Road. Sundays,  
11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

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